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MEMORANDUM FOR:	Director of Information Resources					
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	Acting Director, Foreign Broadcast Information Service					
SUBJECT:	Termination of Foreign Videotape Service by OIR to Non-CIA Customers					
REFERENCE:	Your Memo, dtd 4 May 87, Same Subject					
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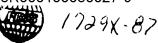
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- 1. Visual Media Branch (VMB) of OIR has traditionally served as the distribution unit for FBIS video. As the popularity of foreign video has grown, fulfilling this role has taken an increased amount of VMB time. In view of the growing demands on VMB and the limited resources in the branch, we have had to eliminate some functions as more important services for Agency customers are identified. Accordingly, we find it necessary to cease in the coming months distribution of FBIS videotapes to non-CIA customers. VMB does not provide domestic video or photographic services—the tangible results of our collection efforts--to them, and our plan is to treat non-CIA customers similarly with regard to foreign video.
- 2. VMB personnel currently spend many hours each month processing and distributing hundreds of FBIS videotapes to non-CIA customers, whose numbers are increasing. Almost all of them are military units. We have been receiving and processing requests generated by FBIS Video Selection Lists, arranging for OL/P&PD replications of FBIS videotapes, inspecting tapes for quality, packaging tapes for shipment, and maintaining circulation records. Simultaneously, CIA customers and policymakers have placed new demands on VMB. Although the increased popularity of foreign video is indicative of its value, we do not have the staff to continue servicing the many non-Agency
- 3. VMB will continue, of course, to have as a priority requirement the distribution of foreign video--over the cable grid system and on videotape--to all CIA units and to policymakers upon request. We plan to phase out our routine activities on behalf of non-CIA customers by about 1 August 1987. We are ready to assist you as much as possible in establishing the foreign videotape distribution responsibility elsewhere.

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